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In re: application of Patrick W. Kelley
Serial No. 10/082,604
For: Plastic Logs

Group Art Unit: 1711
Examiner: Nathan M. Nutter

Petition for Extension of Time
Response to Restriction Requirement and
Preliminary Amendment to the Claims

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Petition for Extension of Time

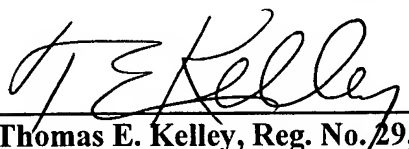
To timely respond to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2003 with a 30 day period for response applicant has submitted herewith a Petition For Extension Of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for response for one month to July 22, 2003. Enclosed is a Fee Transmittal for FY 2003 and a check in payment.

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Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicant traverses the requirement for restriction set out in the Office Action of May 22, 2003 as an arbitrary dividing of related aspects of an otherwise unified invention directed to plastic logs and methods of producing plastic logs. Such division is not justified on the basis of search burden as a complete search of either aspect should encompass the other. Such a division is however a significant burden on the inventor who is facing a two-fold increase in fees for the exclusive rights promised in the U.S. Constitution. Nonetheless, to advance prosecution applicant elects Group II directed to methods of producing a plastic, cylindrical log.

Preliminary Amendment to the Claims

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.